



Municipality of North Grenville

To: **Council**

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Subject: Environmental Action Advisory Committee – Significant Resolution

Report No: CAO-2025-013

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Recommendation(s)

THAT Council accept the proposed modifications to the Environmental Action Advisory Committee Terms of Reference;

AND THAT the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Action Advisory Committee accepted by Council resolution C-2024-011 be repealed.

Executive Summary

Purpose

- To present Council with the recommendation of the Environmental Action Advisory Committee to modify their Terms of Reference; and,
- To advise Council on any additional recommendations from staff to accommodate the proposed changes.

Key Findings

- The Terms of Reference for the Environmental Action Advisory Committee, as accepted by Council resolution C-2024-011, focuses predominately on waste diversion; and,
- In 2024, Council launched the Mayor's Taskforce on Clean Technologies whose purpose is to examine the current status of Clean Tech and Clean Technologies in Canada and identify opportunities for North Grenville to pursue and potentially adopt strategies and opportunities to expand access to these technologies.

Financial Implications

- There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Background/Analysis

The Terms of Reference for the Environmental Action Advisory Committee was accepted by Council resolution on January 9, 2024 with a predominate focus on waste diversion. Although included in the initial Terms of Reference, energy efficiency and reducing the impacts of Climate Change are written into the document as cursory and high-level.

The modifications suggested by the Committee seek to consolidate all aspects of environmental action (ex. Waste diversion, water conservation, improving energy efficiency, etc.) within the sphere of researching, gathering information and developing promotional materials and educational tools while also seeking opportunities for public engagement on these matters.

The Clerk's office has reviewed the proposed changes in accordance with the Environmental Action Advisory Committee's in effect Terms of Reference as well as the other existing Committees of Council to ensure synergy of all projects and priorities of Council, their Committees and the Municipality as a whole. The proposed changes are generally in keeping with the in-effect Terms of Reference of the Committee while broadening the umbrella of "environmental action". However, the Clerk's office does recommend removing item b) of the proposed changes to the Purpose of the Committee which states: "Engage with experts to identify and suggest opportunities to leverage emerging and new technologies with the goal of reducing waste and minimizing the carbon footprint of North Grenville".

In the opinion of the Clerk's office, this portion of the proposed changes overlap with the work being conducted by the Mayor's Taskforce on Clean Technologies. While we agree that this addition may be suitable for the Committee in the future, the Clerk's office deems it prudent for the Taskforce to complete their final report with recommendations to Council prior to Council's consideration to include "identifying and suggesting opportunities to leverage emerging and new technologies" in the Environmental Action Advisory Committee Purpose. This will ensure any future changes to the Terms of Reference with respect to emerging and new technologies are consistent with the future recommendations of the Mayor's Taskforce and Council's decision thereof.

Relevance to Strategic Priorities

Strategic Pillar	Pillar #2 - A Strong, Connected, and Vibrant Community
Goal	Goal #2.1 - Strengthen Community Engagement
Key Action	Action #2.1.2 - Continue to expand the use of community groups and Advisory Committees

Options and Discussion

1. Approve the recommendation (recommended)
2. Approve the recommendation with modifications (as directed by Council)
3. Do not approve the recommendation

Financial Impact

This item has been identified in the current budget: Yes No **N/A**

This item is within the budgeted amount: Yes No **N/A**

Staffing implications, as they relate to implementing Council's decision on this matter, are limited to the existing staff complement and applicable administrative policies as approved by Council.

Internal/External Consultation

- Environmental Action Advisory Committee
- Senior Management Team

Communications

Council's decision will be communicated to the Committee and to the applicable staff liaison(s).

Attachments

- Environmental Action Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Tracked Changes